

HOUSE BILL 3739

By Matheny

AN ACT relative to naming a highway or bridge in honor of
the late Sergeant David Alexander Stephens,
United States Army.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it is the intent of this General Assembly to name an appropriate bridge on State Route 840 (Tennessee National Guard Parkway) to honor the memory of Sergeant (SGT.) David Alexander Stephens, United States Army, a valiant soldier who gave his life while serving in the War on Terror.

SECTION 2. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the department of transportation shall identify an appropriate bridge on State Route 840 to bear SGT. David Alexander Stephens' honorable name. The final decision in selecting the appropriate bridge shall be made in consultation with the representative and senator representing the districts in which SGT. Stephens resided.

SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the selected bridge as the "Sgt. David Alexander Stephens Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 4. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.